Urdu and making these available at prices well within the means of the book reading public;

(ii) encouraging the publication of reasonably priced books for higher education by providing financial assistance to authors and publishers of textbooks and reference book for the a diploma, undergraduate and postgraduate levels;

(iii) providing assistance for the publication of books for children and for neo-literates;

(iv) promoting books and the book reading habit all over the country through book fairs, festivals and exhibitions, including the New Delhi World Book Fair, and through seminars, symposia and workshops;

(v) providing financial assistance to registered voluntary organisations for holding book exhibitions/affairs;

(vi) sponsoring celebration of National Book Week on an all India scale, involving educational institutions, libraries, authors, booksellers, publishers, etc;

(vii) implementing a scheme for setting up Readers' Club in schools with a view to mobilising teachers and motivating students to read and discuss books;

(viii) promoting Indian books abroad by organising India's participation in international book fairs held in different parts of the world.

[*English*]

Voluntary Disclosure Scheme Regarding Violation of Environment Laws

2651. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to introduce a voluntary disclosure scheme whereby industries can disclose their violations of environment laws or safeguards;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the concessions/ incentives proposed to be given under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The proposal is under preparation.

Deforestation in Maharashtra

262. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the area covered by natural forests in Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Union Government are aware of large scale deforestation in the State; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to check mass destruction of forests in Maharashtra?